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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1971

Nebraska won its second straight unofficial national championship in 1971. Both wire services, Associated Press (writers) and United Press International (coaches), voted Nebraska No. 1, as did the Football Writers' Association.

Since 1924, Big Ten Conference teams have won or shared 15 national titles, Notre Dame eight, the Southeastern, Southwest and Pacific-8 conferences six each, the Big Eight five, Eastern Independents four and the Atlantic Coast and Ivy one each.

However, Southeastern and Big Eight teams have won all of their titles since 1950, while the Big Ten owns six and Notre Dame one since 1950.

In terms of national titles won, the top coaches since 1924 have been Notre Dame's Frank Leahy and Minnesota's Bernie Bierman, with four each.

The AP poll was originated in 1936, the UPI poll in 1950. Prior to the polls, the Rissman (1924-30) and Knute Rockne (1931-35) trophies symbolized the championships. Here's the list of titlists:

1971—Nebraska	1959—Syracuse	1947—Notre Dame	1935—SMU
1970—Nebraska, Texas	1958—LSU	1946—Notre Dame	1934—Minnesota
1969—Texas	1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1945—Army	1933—Michigan
1968—Ohio State	1956—Oklahoma	1944—Army	1932—Michigan
1967—Southern Cal	1955—Oklahoma	1943—Notre Dame	1931—Southern Cal
1966—Notre Dame	1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1942—Ohio State	1930—Notre Dame
1965—Ala., Mich. St.	1953—Maryland	1941—Minnesota	1929—Notre Dame
1964—Alabama	1952—Michigan State	1940—Minnesota	1928—Southern Cal
1963—Texas	1951—Tennessee	1939—Texas A&M	1927—Illinois
1962—Southern Cal	1950—Oklahoma	1938—TCU	1926—Stanford
1961—Alabama	1949—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1925—Dartmouth
1960—Minnesota	1948—Michigan	1936—Minnesota	1924—Notre Dame

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-971

Notre Dame and Oklahoma have been the nation's most successful majors in 36 years of wire-service polls. Counting 10 points for each first, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have 151 points, the Sooners 111. Over the last 10 seasons, five teams and coaches have dominated the rankings: Texas (Darrell Royal) 50 points, Alabama (Bear Bryant) 49, Notre Dame (Ara Parseghian) 45, Nebraska (Bob Devaney) 43 and Southern Cal (John McKay) 40. The leaders:

Notre Dame	151	Ohio State	93	Tennessee	85	Army	61
Oklahoma	111	Texas	91	Mich. State	72	LSU	60
Alabama	93	Michigan	87	Southern Cal	66	Minnesota	57

Humm, a southpaw slinger whose popularity with the nation's recruiters was due to more than his home in Las Vegas. Also available is Terry Luck.

And for what else Nebraska has available in the way of talent, you need only glance at the 1971 or pre-1972 All-America teams. You'll find names like middle guard Rich Glover, slotback Johnny Rodgers, defensive end Willie Harper and secondaryman Joe Blahak.

Oklahoma's Fairbanks had a six-pack of candidates to succeed Mildren in spring practice. If one doesn't break out of the pack, Fairbanks might even consider a couple of bright freshmen, who are now eligible nationwide.

Oklahoma's star list is headed by center Tom Brahaney and halfback Greg Pruitt, who were All-Americans, and halfback Joe Wylie, who was supposed to be but was felled by injuries. On defense, the stable of horses is led by Raymond Hamilton, Derland Moore and Lucious Selmon.

Texas has the same potentially fatal malady as Oklahoma, loss of its Wishbone quarterback. In Texas' case, it was losses not loss, since both Eddie Phillips and pinch-hitter supreme Donnie Wigginton were seniors. But Texas also thinks that even great quarterbacks can be replaced.

